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SUBJ: PROPOSED JOINT AMERICAN-AUSTRALIAN MARINE BIOLOGICAL
EXPEDITION TO INDONESIA

1. THE EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED CORRESPONDENCE FROM PROFESSOR JAMES CASE, DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SANTA BARBARA, THAT A JOINT U.S.-AUSTRALIAN SCIENTIFIC EXPEDITION TO INDONESIA IS PLANNED FOR 1 MARCH - 20 JUNE 1975. THE EXPEDITION IS SUPPORTED JOINTLY BY THE U.S. NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION (NSF) AND AN AUSTRALIAN UNIVERSITY. THE PURPOSE OF THE EXPEDITION IS TO CONDUCT RESEARCH ON "THE GENERATION AND DETECTION OF LIGHT BY DEEPSEA AND NOCTURNAL ANIMALS" IN THE REGION OF CENTRAL INDONESIA TO NEW BRITAIN. IN INDONESIAN WATERS THE EXPEDITION DESIRES TO BASE AT AMBON AND USE EXISTING SHORE MARINE BIOLOGY FACILITIES.

2. THE PROGRAM IS TO BE JOINTLY DIRECTED BY PROF CASE AND PROF G. ADRIAN HORRIDGE, DEPT OF NEUROBIOLOGY, RESEARCH SCHOOL OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES, AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY, CANBERRA, AUSTRALIA. THE EXPEDITION INTENDS TO USE THE RESEARCH VESSEL ALPHA HELIX, OF THE SCRIPPS INSTITUTION OF OCEANOGRAPHY, LA JOLLA, CALIF. THEODORE H. BULLOCK, PROF OF NEUROSCIENCES, HEAD, NEURO-
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BIOLOGY UNIT, UNIVERSITY OF CALIF., SAN DIEGO, ATTESTS

TO THE SCIENTIFIC QUALIFICATIONS OF PROFS CASE AND
HORRIDGE AND THE MERIT OF THE EXPEDITION.

3. THE EXPEDITION APPEARS TO BE AT LEAST PARTLY
FUNDED BY THE U.S. NSF, JUDGING FROM A LETTER COPY SIGNED
BY JAMES H. BROWN, PROGRAM DIRECTOR FOR NEUROBIOLOGY,
NSF, WASH D.C., DATED 3 JULY 1974. G.N.DION, DEPT OF STATE,
WASH D.C., APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN IN CONTACT WITH PROF CASE
FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH THE INDONESIAN EMBASSY, WASH D.C.

4. THE EMBASSY IS PLEASED TO APPROVE THE VISIT OF
THIS EXPEDITION. HOWEVER, INFORMATION FOR CLEARANCE
APPROVAL TO USE INDONESIAN TERRITORIAL WATERS IS INCOMPLETE
FOR THE EMBASSY'S NEEDS IN PROCESSING THE SHIP CLEARANCE.
SPECIFICALLY, THE EMBASSY REQUESTS THE DEPT TO ACQUIRE
FROM PROF CASE A COMPLETE LIST OF THE NAMES AND NATIONALITIES
OF THE CREW (IT IS NOTED THAT THE INDONESIANS WILL NOT
ALLOW ANY S. AFRICAN CITIZENS TO BE INCLUDED);
A COMPREHENSIVE LIST OF THE NAMES AND NATIONALITIES
OF THE PASSENGERS; THE FIRM IDENTITY OF THE CAPTAIN OF
THE ALPHA HELIX; AND THE NEXT PORT OF CALL OF THE VESSEL
AFTER LEAVING INDONESIAN WATERS. WHEN THIS INFORMATION
IS RECEIVED THE EMBASSY WILL PROCESS THE CLEARANCE
WITH INDONESIAN GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES. IN THE
MEANTIME, THE EMBASSY WILL UNDERTAKE DISCUSSION WITH
THE INDONESIAN NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF OCEANOLOGY AND
THE INDONESIAN INSTITUTE OF SCIENCES (L.I.P.I.) TO
OBTAIN AGREEMENT FOR THE EXPEDITION TO VISIT INDONESIA.

5. COPIES OF LETTERS IN THE CORRESPONDENCE
RECEIVED DO NOT MAKE CLEAR THAT THE RESULTS OF THE
EXPEDITION'S RESEARCH IN INDONESIAN WATERS WILL BE MADE
AVAILABLE TO THE INDONESIANS. WE ASSUME THIS IS THE
INTENTION OF PROF CASE, AND THE INDONESIANS WILL EXPECT
RECEIPT. THE EMBASSY, IN ITS CONVERSATIONS WITH
INDONESIAN SCIENTIFIC BODIES WILL IMPLY THAT A FINAL
REPORT OF THE FINDINGS WILL BE PRESENTED TO L.I.P.I.
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